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NEW RECORD SET  
IN COST OF LIVINGPrices Now Exceed Even  
Those of March 1, 1907.

## "INDEX NUMBERS" OUT

Skyward Movement Continuous  
for Many Months.

Figures Quoted by Bradstreet's  
Based on Actual Wholesale Quota-  
tions for the Commodities in Que-  
stion—No Attempt Made to Give Re-  
tail Prices, Owing to their Wide  
Fluctuation—Table of Prices.

New York, Jan. 23.—Bradstreet's has  
compiled a record of prices on twenty-six  
commodities that enter into daily and  
direct consumption by the people, and the  
result shows that the cost of living has  
now reached an absolutely high record,  
exceeding even that of March 1, 1907,  
when prices went soaring in anticipation  
of the panic which came in the fall of  
that year. The figures for December 1  
last were below the previous high re-  
cord of 1907, but the continuous skyward  
movement of prices in the last month of  
1909 had established a new high-water  
mark by January 1.

The figures compiled by the Bradstreet's  
are known as "index numbers." They  
are based on actual wholesale quotations  
per pound for the commodities in ques-  
tion, which, to make them comprehensive,  
are averaged over a wide area of mar-  
kets. When it is said that the index  
number for January, 1909, was \$2,310, it  
means that a man buying at wholesale  
one pound each of the ninety-six com-  
modities on that date would have to pay  
that sum as a total. No attempt is made  
to compute retail prices, because of the  
wide fluctuations.

**New High Record.**  
The new "number" surpasses the pre-  
vious high record of March 1, 1907—  
\$2,123. It also shows the advance that  
was made on the ninety-six commodities  
in the month of December last. At the  
same time the present index number  
reflects a gain of 11.7 over January 1,  
1909, which means that the prices of the  
ninety-six articles rose approximately 97  
cents within a year's time.

The lowest point for commodity prices  
for which Bradstreet's have any record  
was touched on July 1, 1906, when the  
index number was \$2,019. The latest fig-  
ure shows a gain of more than 61 per  
cent over this number, indicating, of  
course, that for every dollar you spent  
then for living expenses you are spend-  
ing \$1.61 now.

The new index number mirrors an in-  
crease of 19.5 per cent over the com-  
paratively low point reached on June  
1, 1908, but it is only 3.5 per cent over  
January 1, 1907, also a time of ascending  
prices as forerunners of the panic. The  
gain over the rise over the same date in 1905  
is 14.2 per cent, an increase over January,  
1904, of 15.5 per cent.

**Table of Prices.**  
Here is a table, showing the important  
swing of the index number on the  
ninety-six commodities since January 1,  
1902:

The ninety-six commodities included in  
Continued on Page 3, Column 2.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia  
and Maryland—Fair to-day and  
to-morrow; light to moderate  
southwest and west winds.

## EZRA KENDALL DEAD.

Highest Salaried Monologist on the  
Stage at One Time.

New York, Jan. 23.—Ezra Kendall, well-  
known actor, died to-day at his home  
in Martinsville, Ind. He was taken ill at  
Oakland, Cal., on January 7, and closed  
the tour of "The Vinegar Buyer," in  
which he was starring.

Ezra Kendall was born in 1851, on a  
farm in Allegany County, N. Y. After  
a common school education, he learned  
the trade of a printer. Later he worked  
on a New York newspaper as a reporter.  
His professional debut was made in  
Elizabeth, N. J., in 1880 in a farce called  
"Bachelors' Club." He was with William  
Clayton in "Only a Farmer's Daughter"  
at a salary of \$4 a week and ex-  
penses. Before he died he became the  
highest salaried monologist on the Amer-  
ican stage.

His first hit was made in "Wanted—A  
Partner," at Rankin's Third Avenue  
Theater. After that he wrote and pro-  
duced "We, Us & Co.," and became a  
star. For eleven years he was the star  
in another play written by himself, a  
farce called "A Pair of Kids."

Kendall was one of the organizers of  
the White Rats, the vaudeville actors'  
benevolent association, and was second  
big chief of the White Rats.  
Kendall's wife is Jennie Dunn, who  
once was a vaudeville actress. She and  
six children survive.

## WILL ACCEPT GRAHAM

Republicans Believe to Be Satisfied  
With Minority's Selection.

It was announced yesterday that the  
Republicans will accept Representative  
Graham, of Illinois, as a member of the  
Bullington-Pinchot investigating com-  
mittee in place of Representative Lloyd.  
Representative Clayton, of Alabama,  
chairman of the Democratic caucus  
which selected Mr. Graham on Friday  
night, will report the resolution substituting  
the Illinoisan soon after the House  
convenes to-day.

Mr. Graham is recognized by his Demo-  
cratic colleagues as an able lawyer and  
well fitted to serve as one of the inquisi-  
tors in the forestry case.

He practiced law for years in the firm  
of which former Senator John M. Pal-  
mer, of Illinois, was senior member.

## BOAT CAN RUN ON LAND.

Combination Craft Will Be Used in  
Trip to North Pole.

Atlantic City, Jan. 23.—Capt. George  
Barrett, a retired skipper of Pleasant-  
ville, has invented a combination auto-  
boat and automobile, which he claims  
will run on either land or water. The  
vehicle is built like a boat, but mounted  
on wheels which are armed with paddles  
when the craft is launched overboard.  
The inventor is now at work on a plan  
to add further attachments which will  
make his odd vehicle into a flying ma-  
chine on occasions, and then announces  
his intention of starting in it for the  
north pole.

## STARTLES ATLANTIC CITY.

Halley's Comet Flashes Across the  
Western Sky.

Atlantic City, Jan. 23.—Halley's comet  
flashed across the Western sky just after  
sundown to-night drew a crowd of thou-  
sands to the boardwalk. The comet was  
in sight less than a half hour, the tails  
showing strongly.

## Ellis Has Labor Bill.

Boston, Jan. 23.—Dr. Charles W. Ellis,  
former president of Harvard University,  
George B. Hugo, and George H. Ellis  
have petitioned the legislature for "An  
act to provide for the public investigation  
of industrial disputes and for the pre-  
vention and settlement of strikes and  
lockouts."

ANTI-FOOD TRUST LEAGUE  
ISSUES A STATEMENT.

To the American People:

The National Anti-Food Trust League stands for the American  
principle of fair play. The league is organized in behalf of the consumer, as  
a bulwark against excessive prices of any staple food article. As long  
suffering as the colonies before they threw off the yoke of England, the  
American people of the present age have endured almost intolerable con-  
ditions for years.

When the consumer is denied the right to purchase in the cheapest  
market; when the laws of supply and demand are abrogated in the in-  
terests of a coterie of unscrupulous men; when a day's labor scarcely  
produces enough to obtain a day's sustenance, then it is time for united  
protest and action.

Political economists tell us what "fair" prices are, but we prefer to  
leave that to the householders who join our ranks. Their criterion is  
more valuable than a government report. It has the personal element in  
its appeal.

Following the inception of the league and the publicity given it,  
there has been a spontaneous uprising throughout the country. The meat  
boycott is not the work of the league, but it is a result of our spreading  
the doctrine of "back to normal prices."

These sporadic efforts to throw off the shackles of food slavery show  
the temper of the people. They have been partly successful, and need only  
a guiding and directing hand to result in complete victory. With our  
rapidly recruiting strength, we will soon be prepared to make a nation-  
wide crusade—effective and permanent—against any artificially priced  
food product.

When backed by a million householders, an interdict need not be for  
a long time. After the price is down to a normal level, we have the same  
weapon should the trusts again attempt to raise it. The present boy-  
cotts have no such permanency, and their effects will not be lasting. The  
trusts will retaliate after the wave of enthusiasm is spent, unless they  
are combated by the National Anti-Food Trust League.

The opportunity to join the league is now open, not alone to indi-  
viduals, but also to established associations and other bodies. The applica-  
tions of many organizations are now being considered by the board of  
directors, and others are cordially invited to follow their example.

We are aiming to make the National Anti-Food Trust League an or-  
ganization so vast, so extensive, and so powerful numerically that there  
will be no need of such a general suspension and its direful consequences will  
have the effect of lowering prices and keeping them down.

This is a national reform movement only in so far as we desire a re-  
turn to natural laws of supply and demand. We have selected State direc-  
tors in most of the States, and have local directors at work in hundreds of  
cities. The reports are most encouraging, and the zeal with which the  
members enter into the agreement to act as a unit speaks well for the  
future success of the league.

E. L. SCHARF,

President.  
J. LYNN YEAGLE,  
Chairman Board of Directors.

## ROUNDING UP SEASON AT HAND.

GREAT ICE GORGE  
LEAVES WRECKAGEPort Deposit Suffers Damage  
by Floods.

## NUMBER OF NARROW ESCAPES

Night of Terror for Residents Along  
the Susquehanna River, and Many  
Flee to the Hills Above the Town.  
Hundreds of Men Are Removing  
Ice from the Railroad.

Port Deposit, Md., Jan. 23.—The great  
ice gorge in the Susquehanna, that broke  
yesterday, has left the larger part of this  
town a mass of wreckage. The flood, ac-  
companied by masses of ice, swept the  
shore of the river for two miles, carrying  
everything before it. It was a night of  
terror for the residents. Many fled to the  
hills above the town.

Some of those who remained in their  
houses on the water front were rescued  
through the second-story windows by a  
hand of life-savers in boats, led by T. C.  
Boyd, assistant cashier of the Cecil Na-  
tional Bank.

It was about 4 o'clock this morning that  
the terrible sweep of ice and water oc-  
curred. The grinding and crunching of  
the ice and the rush of water were ap-  
palling. The water rose four feet higher  
than ever before. Telegraph and tele-  
phone operators were driven from their  
posts.

## Offices Are Demolished.

The offices of the Postal and Western  
Union telegraph companies, and the Dia-  
mond State Telephone Company were de-  
molished. The Pennsylvania Railroad  
branch line tracks are piled with ice  
twenty feet high. The railroad station  
was crushed. Most of the houses along  
the water front are more or less damaged,  
doors being broken in, windows smashed,  
and furniture and carpets ruined by mud,  
water, and ice.

The total loss in the town proper is  
estimated at \$150,000. Thousands of feet  
of lumber have been swept out into the  
bay.

There were a number of narrow es-  
capes. Many persons risked their lives to  
save property. Mrs. Sarah Atkinson,  
aged eighty-two, her invalid son, and  
a daughter were carried out of the second  
story window of their residence. While  
a number of persons may suffer from the  
flood and exposure, no lives were lost  
and no one seriously injured.

The mayor has now appealed to Gov.  
Crothers to send representatives of the  
board of public works here to investigate  
the conditions, with a view to holding  
the railroad company responsible.

## Will Remove the Ice.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 23.—Eighteen  
hundred men are gathered near Port De-  
posit, Md., prepared to remove the ice  
from the tracks of the Columbia and  
Port Deposit branch of the Pennsylvania  
Railroad.

Eleven hundred sandwiches and nine  
hundred gallons of coffee have been sent  
from this city to feed the workers who  
will begin work to-morrow. The ice was  
left by the rising waters of the Susque-  
hanna River, and traffic was stopped on  
the road. The ice is fifteen feet thick in  
places.

## ESTATE TO MRS. FARSON.

Chicago Banker's Will to Be Filed  
for Probate To-day.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Just what the es-  
tate of the late John Farson will total,  
will probably not be known when the will  
is filed for probate on Monday, as consid-  
erable property had been given to his  
wife and sons prior to his death.

"The entire property is left to Mrs. Far-  
son as the sole executrix," said Attorney  
F. W. Kraft. "I cannot give even a  
rough estimate of what the estate is  
worth. The will is to be filed for probate  
on Monday."

From those who were familiar with  
the late banker's business and holdings  
the estate is estimated at about \$5,000,000.  
The firm of Farson, Son & Co. is one of  
the largest of its kind in the United  
States, and has branch offices in New  
York and Boston.

Largest Morning Circulation.

## DIES IN AUTO CRASH

One Man Killed and Another Seri-  
ously Injured.

New York, Jan. 23.—One man was killed  
and another seriously hurt in an auto-  
mobile smashup this morning on the new  
Newark turnpike bridge over the Hacken-  
sack River. The dead man was John  
Lavin, twenty-one years old, of Jersey  
City. John J. Egan, of New York is the  
injured man. Egan is in the Jersey City  
Hospital with a broken nose, concussion  
of the brain, and many bad bruises. The  
physicians do not know whether he will  
recover or not. The accident was caused  
by the car skidding on a curve in the  
road and dashing into a girder of the  
bridge.

## MUST OBSERVE NEUTRAL LAWS

Americans in Nicaragua Notified by  
Rear Admiral Kimball.Continued Arrests of Conservatives  
by Order of President Madrid  
Causes Great Excitement.

Managua, Jan. 23.—Rear Admiral Kim-  
ball, commanding the American war  
ships in Nicaraguan waters, has notified  
all Americans in the country that they  
must observe the laws of neutrality to-  
ward both the Liberal and Conservative  
factions.

The continued arrests of Conservatives  
by order of President Madrid and the  
many reports concerning the advance of  
the revolutionists have caused great ex-  
citement here. One report is to the ef-  
fect that the revolutionists have captured  
a steamer on Lake Managua, intending  
to use it as a transport, while another  
is that Gen. Vasquez, with a number of  
his command, has deserted to Gen. Es-  
trada, the provisional president. The gov-  
ernment denies the latter report, but the  
story is, nevertheless, believed. A num-  
ber of revolutionary troops are reported  
to be in the province of Chinalepa.

The government conscription officers  
are very active, but the material they are  
obtaining is practically worthless. Most  
of the conscripts are boys who are evi-  
dently entirely unfit to undergo the hard-  
ships of a campaign. Some few men are  
obtained, but they are not compelled to  
drill. In fact, they go about their usual  
work during the day, and their chief  
military service consists in sleeping in  
the barracks at night.

**MAY SAVE HIS SIGHT.**  
Specialist Makes Examination of  
Tom Taggart's Injury.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 23.—Tom Tag-  
gart, former chairman of the Demo-  
cratic National Committee, who was ac-  
cidentally shot while hunting in Missis-  
sippi last Friday afternoon, reached  
home to-day, and a specialist made an  
examination of his eye. Instead of one  
of the bird shot penetrating the mem-  
ber, it just grazed the eyeball, and, though  
injuring it severely, it is believed that  
the sight is not permanently impaired.

Some forty shots have been removed  
from his face, shoulder, and chest, and  
Taggart said that he was feeling greatly  
relieved over the examination of the eye,  
which has been closed since the ac-  
cident.

## GIANT'S SHORT WIFE GONE.

Declares They Kidnapped Her After  
His Defensive Fight.

Pottstown, Pa., Jan. 23.—Oscar Krause,  
the Kansas giant, who was married one  
year ago in the local opera house by  
Magistrate Edelman to Miss Annie Brad-  
ford, of Springfield, who barely reached  
to Oscar's waist-line, has written a plain-  
tiff letter to Squire Edelman, in which  
he alleges that his wife has been kid-  
napped.

"It is the first couple I ever married  
that did not get along well," Squire  
Edelman says, "and there must be a  
sort of hoodoo in the giant's household."  
Krause is now a Reading Railway  
crossing watchman at South Bethlehem.

Exhibition of the Tourgee Collection.  
The Tourgee collection of the house-  
hold embellishments will be on view at  
Sloan's Galleries, 1407 G st., to-day and  
to-morrow from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. See  
catalogues for further particulars.

Blackstone, the Floral Artist,  
An expert in floral decorating. 14th & H.

FLOODS IN PARIS  
WORST IN YEARSRiver Seine Still Rising, and  
Great Alarm Exists.

## WATER SUPPLY THREATENED

Thousands of Persons Gather Along  
Banks to Watch Tremendous Cur-  
rent Carry Away Furniture and  
Merchandise—Many Houses Aban-  
doned and Traffic Suspended.

Paris, Jan. 23.—Rain, intermingled with  
snow, began falling again to-day. The  
Seine is still rising and is now twenty-  
five feet above the normal. The flood  
threatens to equal or exceed that of 1875,  
which was phenomenal. Thousands of  
persons gathered to-day along the river  
to watch the tremendous current swirl-  
ing logs, timbers, casks, remnants of  
furniture, and merchandise from river-  
side warehouses.

The arches of the bridges are still  
above the water, but the flood threatens  
soon to overreach them.

The drinking-water supply is threat-  
ened, as the filtering machinery is in  
danger of being swamped. Three lines  
of the underground railway are still in  
such a condition from the flood that they  
cannot be used.

## Bears in Pitiful Flight.

The Jardin des Plantes is partly flooded.  
The bears are in a pitiful plight. Fire-  
men have been employed throughout the  
day in pumping the water out of the bear  
pits lest the animals be drowned.

Despite considerable damage to prop-  
erty, the Parisians generally have as yet  
suffered little but inconvenience, except  
in the Anteuil district, which is badly  
flooded. In the suburbs many houses have  
been abandoned, and the streets are not  
lighted, owing to the inundation of the  
electric light plants.

The newspapers are filled with reports  
of damage and suffering in a large part  
of the country. Some of the papers will  
probably have to curtail their issues Mon-  
day owing to the destruction of the con-  
tents of two big paper mills whence they  
were supplied. The suspension of trains is  
complete in some districts, and traffic is  
greatly delayed elsewhere.

## TWO SKATERS DROWNED.

One Falls Into Water and Compa-  
nion Tries to Save Him.

Boston, Jan. 23.—While skating on the  
Charles River basin to-day, two young  
men were drowned close to the end wall  
near the residence of Thomas W. Lawson,  
at Charles Gate East. The body of one of  
them was secured by the police and iden-  
tified as that of Samuel Genelli, aged  
seventeen years, of Roxbury. A friend  
who was with him was also drowned, but  
his body was not located.

One of the pair skated into an open  
place and the other attempted to save  
him, using his coat as a life line. In  
doing so he fell in, and went to the  
bottom at once.

## WATSON GETS PRESS APOLOGY.

London Mail Retracts Assertion  
About Serpent Tongue Poet.

London, Jan. 23.—Following the ex-  
ample of the Daily News earlier in the  
week, the Daily Mail has apologized to  
Poet Watson for publishing his brother's  
statement that he was mentally unbal-  
anced.

## CARDINAL'S NEPHEW FORGER.

Roman Nobleman's Conduct Affects  
Pope and Rappapoli.

Rome, Jan. 23.—According to details  
made public to-day, the Roman nobleman,  
who recently discounted at Florence bills  
of exchange to the amount of \$10,000,  
bearing the forged signature of Cardinal  
Rappapoli, is the Duke of Campobello,  
the cardinal's nephew.

Two years ago he separated from his  
wife, Princess Altieri, and the health, which  
is not good, has been affected by the scan-  
dal. The Pope is much saddened.

Largest Morning Circulation.

## FEARS REVOLT IN CUBA.

Bishop Candler Declares Island Is  
Facing a Grave Crisis.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 23.—Bishop Warren  
Candler, who is visiting missions of the  
Southern Methodist Church in Cuba,  
writes from Santiago that the island is  
on the verge of the gravest crisis in its  
history. The extravagance of the govern-  
ment and the consequent burden of tax-  
ation has almost driven the people to  
desperation.  
"Bishop Candler says that the people  
realize that they are being crushed by  
such taxation and they are ready to seek  
any means to secure relief."

SENATOR TILLMAN  
AND WIFE TO BE SUEDDaughter-in-law Seeks Pos-  
session of Children.

## HELD FROM HER, SHE AVERS

Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., Who Charges  
South Carolina Legislator's Son  
with Desertion, Was Daughter of  
Woman Born in Palace of Czar,  
and Was Married in 1903.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 23.—In the Su-  
preme Court to-morrow Lucy Dugas  
Tillman, wife of B. R. Tillman, Jr., will  
bring suit against United States Senator  
Tillman and his wife for the recovery of  
her infant children—Doushka and Sarah.  
Young Mrs. Tillman alleges she has been  
deserted by her husband, and that his  
parents—Senator and Mrs. Tillman—are  
keeping her children, not allowing her to  
see them.

Young Mrs. Tillman has been making  
her home, since her alleged desertion, in  
this city, with her relative, Dr. Francis  
P. Butler. She is the granddaughter of  
F. W. Pickens, who was Minister to Russia  
under President Buchanan. Her  
mother was born in St. Petersburg, in  
Romanoff, the palace of the Czar, and  
was named Doushka, the Czarina stand-  
ing as godmother.

Doushka Pickens married Dr. Dugas,  
of Augusta, father of young Mrs. Till-  
man. She married Tillman in 1902. They  
separated in November, 1908. Mrs. Till-  
man saying her husband abused her.  
They were reunited in February last  
year, but in December Mrs. Tillman be-  
came very ill in Washington.

She charges that her husband deserted  
her while she was ill and practically  
kidnapped the children. She has not seen  
them since.

TILLMAN SAYS SON'S DEED  
DEED ENTITLES HIM TO  
MOLD GRANDCHILDREN

Sitting in his Washington residence last  
night with his two grandchildren playing  
happily at his feet, Senator Tillman, of  
South Carolina, read a dispatch to The  
Washington Herald, telling of a suit for  
the custody of the little girls.

It said that Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr.,  
wife of the Senator's son, would take  
legal action to-morrow in the South, look-  
ing to the recovery of her children. Sen-  
ator Tillman did not appear surprised.

"My son and his wife have been twice  
separated," he said, "and are now living  
apart. She is in South Carolina. They  
disagreed last February, but later were  
reconciled and, at my suggestion, went  
West, intending to remain. A few weeks  
ago they again disagreed. Mrs. Tillman  
left their apartment here in Washington,  
and, after waiting three days, my son  
brought these little girls to my wife. They  
went with her to our home in South Car-  
olina."

"Finding that his wife showed no in-  
clination to return to him, my son deeded  
the children to me. Under the law of  
South Carolina, this deed was done by a  
father for the good of his children, or  
by the wife in case the father is not  
living. That is why they are now with  
me."

"They are two of the brightest little  
girls I have ever seen," he said, affec-  
tionately, "and my sole interest in the  
matter is to have them properly cared  
for and guarded. Mrs. B. R. Tillman,  
Jr., has been told by eminent counsel  
that she cannot recover the children."

Before Senator Tillman had entered  
upon the discussion of his son's domestic  
trouble, he had, with a quick motion,  
indicated to his daughter that the little  
girls take their playthings out of hear-  
ing. This they did, but the older tripped  
prettily back to ask for a forgotten  
orange, and the Senator stopped to aid  
in the search.

B. R. Tillman, Jr., is clerk of the Sen-  
ate Committee on the Five Civilized  
Tribes of Indians.

## GLIDES DOWN 510 FEET.

Hamilton Breaks World's Record for  
Landing Without Power.

San Diego, Jan. 23.—C. K. Hamilton  
broke the world's record here to-day for  
gliding flight when he stepped his engine  
and skimmed 510 feet over the polo field  
to a graceful stop in the center of the  
course.

The aviator rose to a height of 800 feet,  
sailed out over Point Loma, and then  
swung southward over the ocean. At the  
southern end of the bay he turned east-  
ward around Coronado and crossed the  
inner bay, returning to the grounds of  
the Coronado Country Club.

Despite a puff of wind early in the af-  
ternoon, Hamilton carried passengers on  
several flights.

C. F. Walsh, a local inventor, attempt-  
ed a flight with a monoplane. In running  
across the field he was forced to choose  
between running down a group of men,  
crashing into Hamilton's machine, or try-  
ing to jump a fence. He crashed through  
the fence, wrecking his machine. A piece  
of the propeller flew 200 feet, and  
broke the leg of Harry Webster, a by-  
stander.

Hamilton will attempt to break the al-  
titude record to-morrow.

## Students and Police Clash.

Hanover, N. H., Jan. 23.—Leland Pow-  
ers, a senior at Dartmouth College, and  
son of former Congressman Samuel L.  
Powers, of Newton, Mass., was arrested  
yesterday afternoon for snowballing. More  
than 100 students joined in an unsuccess-  
ful attempt to rescue Powers.

FIFTEEN RESCUED  
IN BOILING SURFFishing Smack Goes to Aid  
of Storm-tossed Schooner.

## CRAFT BREAKS IN TWO

All Hands, Including Captain's  
Wife, Lashed to Mast.

Block Island Light Is Mistaken and  
Capt. Haskell Runs to Shore Until  
Boat Smashed to Pieces on Jagged  
Reef—Wreck Sighted After Day-  
light—Steward Goes Overboard,  
But Is Saved by Dory.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Jan. 23.—A  
timely bit of rescue work was done to-  
day by Capt. Levi Jackson and the four  
men of his fishing smack, Priscilla.

They succeeded in getting near enough  
to the schooner Mertie B. Crowley to  
save the lives of Capt. Haskell, Mrs.  
Haskell, and thirteen of the crew, all of  
whom had been lashed in the rigging  
from 6 o'clock this morning until 4  
this afternoon.

The Crowley hit northeast end reef off  
Wasquee Bluff, at the southeastern end of  
Martha's Vineyard Island, about 5:30 this  
morning, and in a few minutes her decks  
were being washed from end to end by  
huge breakers.

**Forced to Rigging.**  
All hands, including the captain's wife,  
were forced to take to the rigging of the  
forward masts, and it was not until they  
did so, because at 10 o'clock the craft  
broke in two and the after end settled  
down, carrying the three masts with it.

The fifteen people astride the cross  
trees of the other masts expected every  
minute to be thrown into the boiling surf,  
but the spars held fast until every one  
of them was safely aboird the Priscilla.

The Crowley had been hove to all day  
Saturday in a heavy gale, and last night  
Block Island light was mistaken for that  
at Shinnec